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down the house; they entered, drove the gang out and repeated their cruelties, destroyed the few things which the well-disposed neighbours had lent us. At this time Lord Darlington with about 200 of his men and Mr. Moorsome a Magistrate came to our assistance, and the rioters immediately dispersed by which means the House was saved, but much damaged. The ring-leaders are the protected men in the Greenland Ships, and the Carpenters.

'I beg to mention for their Lordship's consideration, that Captain Shortland on Saturday afternoon the day of the riot, supplied me with twenty guineas for the use of the Service eighteen of which I deposited in the bureau in my lodging-room, sum too much to carry about me, which was taken away with my clothes and papers, and as it will be very inconvenient for me to sustain the loss, I humbly hope upon this extraordinary occasion, their lordships will be pleased to allow me the sum unavoidably lost.'

A further document that came into Mrs. Gaskell's hands, and has been lent to me by her daughter, Miss Gaskell, is copied from the Calendar of felons and malefactors who were tried at the Assizes, held at York on March 18, 1793:—

'William Atkinson, Hannah Hobson, John Harrison, late of the parish of Whitby in the North Riding, committed Feb. 26th, 1793, charged on Subpoena of a Felony in having with divers other persons then unknown, on Sat. 23rd of the same month, about nine o'clock at night riotously assembled themselves together against the peace of our Lord the King and with force and arms, unlawfully begun to pull down and demolish the dwelling House of John Cooper of Whithy aforesaid Shoe Maker.'

General Gaol Delivery. William Atkinson, hanged 13th April 1793. Hannah Hobson, respited. John Harrison, not guilty.